



Mountain Pine Beetle Forum

MOUNTAIN PINE BEETLE & FIRE: THE SCIENCE BEHIND THE RISKS

Wednesday May 4, 2011

Colonial Red Lion Inn, Helena MT

~AGENDA~

Afternoon Session – All times are Mountain Daylight Time (MDT)

10:00am	Welcome	Paula Short, Montana DNRC
10:15am	Opening Remarks	Bob Harrington, State Forester and Forestry Division Administrator, Montana DNRC
10:30am	Effects of Bark Beetle-Caused Tree Mortality on Subsequent Wildfires	Dr. Jeffrey Hicke, University of Idaho and WWETAC*
11:15am	New Findings in Needle Moisture and Flammability – MPB & Wildfire	Dr. Matt Jolly, Missoula Fire Lab, USDA Forest Service
12:00pm	Lunch (\$5 sack lunch available on-site)	
1:00pm	Predicting Fire Behavior and Spread in MPB- impacted stands	Russ Parsons, Missoula Fire Lab, USDA Forest Service
1:45pm	Canadian Wildfire Experiences in MPB-Impacted Stands	Dana Hicks, Fire Management, British Columbia
2:30pm	Local Panel – Experiences and Observations, MPB and Wildfire	Brad McBratney, USDA Forest Service, Sonny Stiger, Fire Behavior Consultant, Greg Archie, DNRC Area Fire Program Manager
3:15pm	Questions & Discussion	All

Evening Session

The evening session will run from 6:00pm to 9:00pm and will include the same presentations as the day session, but in a more concise, less technical format. Presentations will be shortened to 30 minutes (including Q & A) and the program will run straight through without breaks. Both sessions will be broadcast over the web.

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